served. It is therefore requested that raiyats may be allowed to take free of charge all kinds of timber and bamboos required for *bonâ fide* purposes.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done. Special privileges have already been conceded in the malnad under the Raiyats' Privilege Rules of 1896 and Notification No. 245—1300, dated 2nd October 1901.

SUBJECT No. 191.

Levy of a uniform rate of two annas on all waddar carts laden with bamboos, etc., removed from the State Forests.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As it was represented that the levy of a fee of four annas for a cart-load of firewood or bamboos removed (by means of wadder carts) was heavy, Government were pleased to order the reduction of the same by half; but the Conservator has issued orders for reducing the fee in the case of firewood only, and the former rate of four annas is still being levied on bamboos and charcoal. It is therefore prayed that a uniform rate of two annas be prescribed on all articles removed from State Forests by means of waddar carts.

Reply of Government.—No further concession is necessary. The produce can be removed in proper carts.

SUBJECT No. 192.

Private stamps for marking timber logs.

Mr. Kesavaiengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Licenses to remove timber from private coffee holdings are not granted unless the logs are marked with private seals which are duly registered. As this is a hardship to people owning small extents of such land, the restriction may be removed.

For registering the stamp a fee of five rupees has to be paid, which is too much to be paid by the smaller coffee planters. It also encourages fraudulent practices as the licenses have to be issued free and so, if a coffee planter who has obtained a stamp, stamps it, it is possible to take away the timber.

Reply of Government.—The question whether the fee of five rupees should be insisted upon for the registration of the stamp in the case of owners of small estates will be referred to the Conservator of Forests for opinion.

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SUBJECT No. 193.

Currency of clipped and worn-out coins.

Mr. M. Hassan Ali Beg, Mysore City Municipality.

Acceptance of worn-out silver coins.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit, Yedatore Taluk.

Uncurrent coins to be taken by Government.

Mr. K. Ramanujaiengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that orders may be issued for the currency of worn-out coins. These are not received even when brought as part of remittances.

It is prayed that orders be issued to the Amildars, shanbhogs and patels for accepting silver coins worn-out by wear when tendered towards Land Revenue. They refuse to receive such coins at present.

Worn-out or notched Government coins should be detained in the treasury and not put in circulation.

Reply of Government.—These are required to be received by treasuries under the Civil Account Code, Articles 573, 583, 584, 586, 587 and 592, which provide sufficiently for the above matters.

SUBJECT No. 194.

Five per cent interest on charitable endowments.

Messrs. B. Kesavaiengar and Kesavadasaiengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Interest at five per cent was allowed on deposits on charitable endowments. A number of such endowments was then made. That order is now cancelled, and so charitable endowments have become less frequent now. The former system may therefore be revived.

Reply of Government.—Interest at the rate of five per cent cannot be given. But the question of taking these deposits and allowing a fair rate of interest will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 195.

Withdrawals of deposits under Revenue deposits.

Messrs. Shama Rao, Chiknage Gowda and Basappa, Mulbagal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When depositors wish to withdraw sums over Rs. 20 held in the treasury under Revenue deposits, they have to affix a one anna stamp to the withdrawal receipt. As depositors withdraw their own money, it is requested that such payments from the treasury may be exempted from receipt stamps.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 196.

Concession to the Agricultural Banks wound up.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Many of the Agricultural Banks are wound up and the property of some of these Banks is being attached for the recovery of the loans; it is therefore suggested that the loans granted to the Banks wound up may be treated as loans granted under the Land Improvement Loans Regulation.

Reply of Government.—As stated in Government Order No. Fl. 168-71—Leg. 34-04-1, dated 8th July 1905, the original loans made to the Agricultural Banks not having been expressly made for or always applied to "works of improvement" within the meaning of Section 4 of the Land Improvement Loans Regulation, they cannot now be brought under that Regulation. In deserving cases, however, proposals for the substitution of individual for joint liability and for repayment of the loans due by the debtors in easy instalments are being favorably considered.

SUBJECT No. 197.

Government help to Co-operative Societies.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that Amildars may be empowered to recover the loans advanced to raiyats from the Co-operative Societies for the purchase of seeds and cattle and that Government may help the said Societies with one-fifth of the capital. It is difficult for the raiyats to raise all the capital required amongst themselves. Government may advance a certain amount, provided the members raise an equivalent amount or in some other proportion amongst themselves.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for opinion.